

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 1246 as passed by the Seventy-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

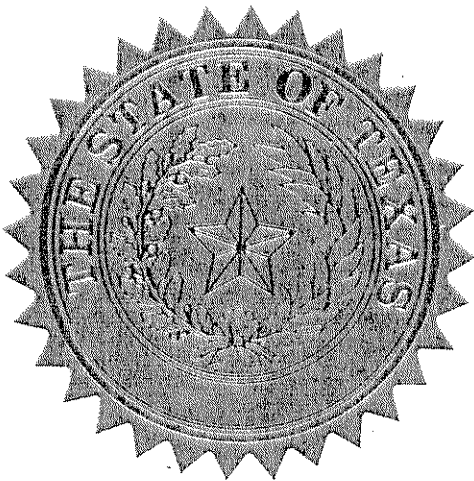
Senate Bill No. 1246 would require certain counties and cities that do not currently allow mixed drink sales in restaurants to hold elections to legalize such sales. This is a major departure from the state's long-time policy of allowing local residents to decide for themselves if they want a liquor election by filing a petition calling for one, rather than having the legislature dictate that an election be held.

Under our traditional system, residents have the option of petitioning for an election if they want one or to refrain from petitioning if they are satisfied with their local wet or dry status. This bill requires every city or county which meets certain population criteria and which currently does not allow restaurants to sell mixed beverages to hold an election for the legalization of mixed drink sales in restaurants without a petition. This would deprive residents of areas affected by the bill of one of the two protections enjoyed by all other counties to ensure that their wishes for their neighborhood are respected.

This bill would also affect counties which are not currently large enough to be covered by the bill, but which pass the bill's population limits in the future, since it requires an election as soon as the city or county passes the population threshold.

Our current system allows local residents to decide if they want a liquor election. The dual process of petition and election is the best way to ensure that Texans can continue to be in charge of the destiny of their neighborhoods. We should not take this important tool of local control away from them.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2005.

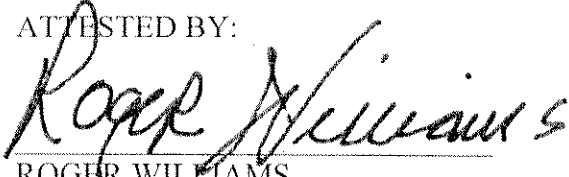
Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

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ATTESTED BY:

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ROGER WILLIAMS
Secretary of State

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